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My biggest problem with the proposed settlement is that it is not strict enough.

Have you read the recent .NET license agreement? It basically says that developers release FULL RIGHTS to Microsoft for ANY code developed using .NET. Basically, it means that microsoft will OWN the internet ... if they can push people to use .NET's ASP2 functionality. If you're not technically saavy, Windows 2000 and ASP are far slower and less stable than BSD and PHP, but Microsoft has leading share; this smacks of powerful influence. When the influence of a company can be used in such a way as to LAY CLAIM TO ALL CODE, I believe that the company should be regulated as a monopoly.

-Daniel